**American Literature Vocabulary Unit 1**

Define the following words AND write a sentence using each. The word should be used correctly.

1. aviary (n)
2. badger (v)
3. parasitic (adj)
4. benign (adj)
5. fester (v)
6. malignant (adj)
7. morbid (adj)
8. pestilential (adj)
9. toxic (adj)
10. virus (n)

**Synonyms: Pick 5 vocabulary words and write a synonym for each. Write both words down please.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in the blank with the best possible answer. (Use A or B)**

1. The Olympic medal winner was \_\_\_\_\_\_ by the citizens of her hometown.
   1. badgered
   2. maligned
2. The \_\_\_ currently being exhibited in the \_\_\_\_\_ have attracted numerous students of ornithology.
   1. Apes….aviary
   2. Vultures….aviary
3. The \_\_\_\_ fangs of the snake were a foreboding sign of his danger.
   1. Malignant
   2. Toxic
4. While describing the accident, he used \_\_\_\_\_ details.
   1. Morbid
   2. Malignant
5. \_\_\_\_ slums showed the decaying nature of this society.
   1. Toxic
   2. Festering

**Concise Writing: Express the thought of each sentence below in no more than five words and using a vocabulary word.**

1. Some tumors do not threaten the life of the patient.

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1. They visited a place where birds are kept.

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1. We despise those who live off of the good of others.

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1. At the present time she is recovering from an illness at the microscopic level.

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1. He is nagging his parents constantly to allow him to go to the movies.

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**Antonyms: Complete each sentence by writing the antonym (from the vocabulary list) for the italicized word.**

1. Some TV programming is not *innocent*, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ to our well being.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ creature is preferred to a *malignant* monster.
3. There are some *antidotes* available for \_\_\_\_\_ poisons.
4. I wish that my dog would be less \_\_\_\_\_ and more *independent* at times.
5. If you \_\_\_ the babysitter, she’ll let you have candy so she can be *left alone*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_